

DECREASE

Of Incendiarism Shown Recently In Ohio

Figures Indicate Only 84 For The Year

Difficulties That Confront State Fire Marshal

In Making An Investigation Of The Fires

Co-Operation Of Public Should "Clean Up" Ohio

The first five months of the current year have developed only thirty-five fires in Ohio of undoubted incendiary origin. That average of seven per month if kept up throughout the year will establish a new low record for this state in fires of this character. The low number is remarkable and fully as gratifying as it is remarkable.

These figures should indicate for the year a total of only eighty-four incendiary fires, whereas the lowest previous record since the organization of the department was ninety-seven in the year 1905. It was in the early part of that year (1905) that the investigations into the operation of the "Williams County Gang" began to bear fruit in the prosecution and conviction of the men who had terrorized that whole neighborhood and caused the destruction of millions of dollars worth of property.

The reduction of the number of this class of fires from two hundred and ninety-two (292) in the first year of the department's operation to the present average of a hundred or less is certainly remarkable showing. That it is very largely attributed to the activities of this office will scarcely be questioned.

This reduced number of such fires of course does not by any mean represent the number of fires investigated. Very many fires are reported as being incendiary which upon investigation are found to have been accidental or due to some entirely innocent cause. And many others are investigated where there is no suspicion whatever, but which must be looked into in order to determine the cause or origin if possible.

The investigation of incendiary fires is rarely an easy task. It frequently takes weeks and sometimes even months or years to secure the evidence necessary to justify or warrant an arrest and prosecution. The reduction in such fires therefore has enabled the department to devote more of its time and the energies of its members to the prosecution of other lines of its work which, while not likely to arouse as much public interest and attention are nevertheless more important from the standpoint of conservation of property. Reference is had to the inspection work of the department.

While there has always been more or less work of this character done the present administration has felt that the department has not been as effective in this regard as it might be made. As a first step in systemizing this branch of the work, the assistant fire marshals are now required to report the result of all inspections made by them upon blanks prepared for the

purpose, and these are numbered and filed in the Columbus office. The primary purpose of this is to enable the department, where orders are made to repair or remove buildings or correct conditions, to follow them up and see that they are obeyed.

This is not an assumption of new duties by the Fire Marshal. The statute has charged him with certain duties and vested him with certain powers to enable him to perform them. The law is found in the following sections of the General Code:

"Section 834. The state fire marshal, his deputies and subordinates, the chief of the fire department of each city or village where a fire department is established, the mayor of a city or village where no fire department exists, or the clerk of a township in territory without the limits of a city or village, at all reasonable hours may enter into all buildings and upon all premises within their jurisdiction for the purpose of examination."

"Section 835. If an officer named in the preceding section finds a building or other structure, which, for want of proper repair by reason of age and dilapidated condition, or for any cause is specially liable to fire, and which is so situated as to endanger other buildings or property, or if such officer finds in a building or upon premises combustible or explosive material or inflammable conditions dangerous to the safety of such other buildings or premises, he shall order such building to be repaired, materials removed or conditions remedied. Thereupon such order shall be complied with by the owner or occupant of such building or premises."

The sections immediately following prescribe certain penalties for failure to comply with the orders issued by the various officers. It is pleasant to note in this connection that in only one or two instances has it been necessary to invoke the aid of courts in enforcing the orders of the department.

It is to be observed that the duties imposed by the statute are not for the Fire Marshal alone. Local officers are given practically equal powers and the Fire Marshal does not seek nor will he endeavor to supplant or relieve these officers in the performance of these duties. But on the other hand he earnestly desires to co-operate with them and stands ready to support them in all reasonable efforts to bring about conditions in this state which will reduce the enormous fire waste. A persistent campaign waged by these various authorities acting harmoniously, together with the sympathetic support and co-operation of the public, which is generally freely given, should to a large extent "clean up" Ohio.

It has frequently been stated and is capable of demonstration that nearly four-fifths of the fires which occur in this country are due to easily preventable causes. When one remembers that there occur between four and five thousand fires annually in Ohio and that each fire means an average loss of \$1,200, is it not a fearful indictment to say four-fifths of this loss might easily have been prevented.

Here is conservation's opportunity. We need not go West to find a field for it.

JOHN W. ZUBER,
State Fire Marshal.

MUCH PLEASED

Depositors of the Buckeye State Building and Loan Company are pleased with the good terms given by the company to its borrowers. Because

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PIGEON RACE

Of Mt. Vernon Homing Club From Xenia Sunday

The Mt. Vernon Pigeon club held its second young bird race Sunday from Xenia, about 100 miles. Birds were liberated at 6:00 a. m. in a north wind. The first arrival was at the loft of Antoine Jacquet at 8:49. The result was as follows:

- Antoine Jacquet, 1st, 2nd, 3d, 6th, 14th.
- Leon Barry, 4th, 7th, 8th.
- Louis Bouchez, 5th, 12th, 13th.
- Frank Digneaux, 9th, 15th.
- Emile Cornil, 10th.
- Peter Collin, 11th.

BRAKEMAN KILLED

Murray City, O., Aug. 29—Penrose Moore, a Hocking Valley brakeman, fell beneath the cars near here today and was instantly killed.

SCHOOLS

Open For Fall Term Next Tuesday

There Will Be Two Sessions, 8:30 And 1

Condition Examinations To Be Held Tuesday

Instead Of Thursday, As In Previous Years

Assignment Of Teachers Made By Supt. Alan

The Public Schools will open Sept. 6th. All will convene this year at 8:30 and 1 o'clock.

Pupils who have no entrance card will call at the superintendent's office Friday or Saturday forenoon. Patterson graduates are requested to meet the principal of the High school at his office the same dates, Sept. first or second.

Condition examinations will be held on Tuesday afternoon Sept. 6th, instead of Thursday afternoon as heretofore.

Superintendent Alan has made the following assignment of teachers for the coming school year:

High School.
C. H. Winans (Prin.) Mathematics.
A. W. Dorr, Science.
Mary Hubbard, History.
Ila Williams, German and English.
Jean McIntosh, English.
Mary Clark, Latin.
Julia Converse, Mathematics and Science.
Edith Bell, Mathematics.
C. F. King, Commercial Branches.
G. E. Hesse, Mathematics and English.

Central Building.
Katherine Fordney (Prin.), Eighth.
Olive Eggleston, Eighth.
Fannie Witherell, Seventh.
Clara McKay, Seventh.
Ethelnyde Studor, Sixth.

First Ward Building.
Fannie Durlin, (Prin.), Eighth.
Myrtle Overly, Seventh.
Cordelia Garber, Sixth.
Irene Sigler, Fifth.
Margaret Devalon, Fourth.
Lucie Craig, Third.
Esther Gunn, Second.
Maria Chase, First.

Second Ward Building.
Clacey Clark, Second.
Emma Cole, (Prin.), First.

Third Ward Building.
Ethel Sharrock, Sixth.
Grace Beach, Fifth.
Monna Skeels, Fifth.
Mildred Aler, Fourth.
Nannie Wright, Third.
Anna Neldon, Second.
Grace Headington, First.
Jessie Bryant, (Prin.), First.

Fourth Ward Building.
Isabel Carey, Eighth.
Alice Ewing, Seventh.
Fannie Thrallkill (Prin.), Sixth.
Anna Coup, Fifth.
Anna Schnebey, Fourth.
Lucy Ewing, Third.
Lulu Moffit, Second.
Annie Severns, First.

Davis Building.
Ethel Sockman, Fourth.
Wilda Clark, Third.
Ruth Pfautz, Second.
Mary DeVoe, (Prin.), First.

Special Teachers.
Cora M. Debes, Writing and Drawing.
Iva Sproule Baker, Music.
Nellie Heffner, Domestic Art and Science.
J. E. Moyer, Manual Training.

Substitute Teachers.
Cora Baird
Iva Paul
Ethel Pitkin
Constance Merrin.

SKATING RINK LOT

To Be Acquired By Vine Street Church Of Christ

After the morning service at the Vine Street Church of Christ Sunday, the building site committee made a report in which it was recommended that the purchase be made of the skating-rink lot on East High street from Mr. John D. Ewing for \$3,500. The recommendation of the committee was unanimously adopted and it was determined to proceed without delay to raise the amount of the purchase price by subscription among the members of the congregation. Plans will be prepared at an early day for the new church edifice on the lot.

ROBBED

Was A Croton Farmer By Columbus "Friends"

(Columbus Dispatch)

Virgil Clayton, a farmer living near Croton, O., appeared at the police station Saturday afternoon, with a face that looked more like a fresh beef-steak than a human countenance and complained that four newly-made friends steered him to a lonely spot some place along the Scioto river and after beating him up and rolling him in the mud relieved him of what cash he had brought from home, a watch and a suitcase filled with beer.

Clayton said he came to Columbus early Saturday morning with \$40 in his pockets and that he met four men in a saloon. He stayed with them for several hours buying drinks in various saloons and after buying a new coat for himself in a clothing store he accepted an invitation from the men to take a walk and look for a boarding house. He was unable to tell the police where the men took him or where the assault took place except that it was on the banks of a river.

HEAP BIG POW-WOW

Of The Red Men At Hiawatha Park Next Saturday

On the third Sunday of Corn Moon G. S. D. 419, Common Era, Saturday, Sept. 3, 1910, the tribes of the hunting grounds of Gambler and Mt. Vernon of the Great Reservation of Ohio, will take the trail for Hiawatha park for their annual sun feast. Ball game between the Mohican and Kokosing at the ninth run of rising of the sun. Corn and venison at the twelfth run. At the first run and thirtieth breath, a Great Council of all tribes and councils will assemble at the Long House to smoke the pipes of peace and witness the fancy trail of the squaws and papooses of Kokosing Council No. 21 D. of P., and listen to the long talk of Little Big Chief L. B. Houck of the Mohicans.

At the third run, will take place, The Running of the Gauntlet, and Shooting of the Sun for Rain, an old custom by the Indians by Kokosing Tribe. A band of Indians with their instruments of torture will be in attendance to enliven the occasion with their presence. All Red Men and Pocahontas and pale face friends are cordially invited to be present and enjoy the sports.

K. OF P. TEAM

Won Base Ball From Amity Team Saturday Afternoon

A very interesting game of baseball was played at Lake Hiawatha park on Saturday afternoon between the local K. of P. team and the Amity team. The game, although slow and loose at the beginning, soon "tightened up" and during the last six innings was a very good contest. The K. of P. team secured four runs in the opening three innings and were not allowed to score in any of the later innings. The visitors were not so fortunate in this early part of the game and although many great efforts were made, the best that they could do was to score three runs. The game ended in a score of 4 to 3 in favor of the locals. Householder and Edgar, the opposing pitchers, did excellent work and were well backed by their teams. The batteries were as follows: Amity, Edgar and Bell; Mt. Vernon, Householder and Pelton.

OFF THE TRACK

Went Street Car When De-Railing Apparatus Broke

The street car traffic was temporarily tied up for about an hour on Monday morning as a result of a wreck which occurred at the south end of the viaduct. The car run by Motorman Robinson was crossing the de-railer when the springs attached to the lever of the de-railer apparatus broke and caused the switch to spread at precisely the wrong time. The car was turned from the track and ran into the bank at the side of the viaduct. Fortunately, the car did not upset, although this almost happened. Only one passenger was riding at the time when the accident happened.

BANNER WANT ADS PAY

Her Brother

By ROBERT L. JAYNES

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When I was keepin' store in Arizona a young woman come in on the stage one evenin' and put up at the tavern. The next mornin' she come into my store and tole me she'd come out from the east to find employment. She couldn't stenograph or typewrite. If she could she needn't have come away from home, but she could keep a cash account, sell goods and do any ord'nary work about the store. She was a mighty trim little body, and I tole her she'd better git married and let the other feller do the work; but she larted and said it tuk two to make a match. I tuk her in for help, thinkin' if she turned out as well as she looked I wouldn't mind makin' the other one of the two.

But it soon appeared that she wasn't goin' to turn out as well as she looked. First thing I knowed a feller came into the store to see her that looked like a road agent. They seemed to be mighty familiar and did a lot o' talkin' in the back o' the store while I was engaged waitin' on a customer in the front. When the feller went out I said to the young woman, says I: "Rosy"—that was her name—"if you're cahoots with a gang o' robbers the sooner you git out the better."

"Oh, that feller was all right!" she said.

"Who is he?"

"Why, he's my brother."

"Your brother?" I says, turnin' away from her contemptuously. "If that's the kind of family 'er belong to I don't think much of yer stock."

There was nothin' more said about it at the time, but I done up a lot o' thinkin'. Fust off I thort I'd better give the young woman the grand bounce, but I didn't know whether she was up to anything or not, and if she wasn't I didn't want to lose her. She wasn't so much use about the store—I didn't have so very much for her to do—but I'd got a hankerin' after her.

Well, the next thing that happened looked kind o' suspicious. I was layin' one night on a settle in the back o' the store when I heered somebun' rattlin' at the front door. I jst reached back under a pillar, tuk my weepion and let drive through the panel I heered a yell an', goin' to the door, listened. Not hearin' anything more, I opened the door and by the light of a match I struck saw drops o' blood leadin' away. I calc'lated I'd hit some un' who was goin' to rob the store.

Wal, this thing comin' so soon after the visit of Rosy's brother, I didn't know what to think about it. I noticed when I tole her about it she looked kinder queer.

"Hope he warn't yer brother," I said to her, an' I thort she was goin' to faint. Seem' it bothered her to talk about it I didn't say nothin' more, and after awhile she righted, though for a few days she didn't look very cheerful. But one day the feller that she said was her brother come in. He looked kind o' white in the face. He talked with Rosy awhile an' went out.

"Reckon yer brother's been sick," I says, a-sympathizin' with her.

"Yes," she says, "he has."

"What's he do for a livin'?"

"He aint doin' nothin' jst now. I'm tryin' to get a place for him. Trade's mighty brisk lately. Don't yer think 'er need a shippin' clerk?"

"I don't think I do."

I wondered if she thort I was soft enough to believe the feller was her brother and out of employment. I reckoned he wasn't employed, except when he was holdin' up a coach or somebun' like that. And I reckoned he'd like to do a lot o' coaxin' to git me to take in a man to work who'd tried to rob me and I'd winged when he was startin' in to do it.

But we men are kind o' queer 's well as the wimmen. One day the feller come into the store in a hurry. Rosy was there and turned pale. He said somebun' to her quick, and she p'inted under the counter. He ducked jst in time to dodge the sheriff, who come runnin' in with a weepion in one hand and a pa'r o' bracelets in t'other. Rosy she stood up agin the counter right where the feller wor hid.

"Enny one come in here?" asked the sheriff.

Now, I'm a-goin' to explain why we men is queer as well as the wimmen. Rosy she give me jst one look. She might as well have sent a few ounces o' lead at me, so far as my doin' enny interference was concerned.

"Hain't seen no one," I says, talkin' parrot-like, jst as Rosy wanted me to. "Singular; I thort I had him cornered."

He was out in a jiffy, and when the danger was past Rosy put the feller in a back office I had my boots in and called me in too.

"You're a trump!" she says.

"And yer brother's the knave," I says, replyin'.

She could sca'ceely keep from lartin' at my joke. But she didn't. She tole me the feller wor reely her brother, that he'd gone bad and she'd come out to reclaim him. She had got him to promise to go east with her, but she couldn't get him off unless I'd help her instead o' givin' 'em away. I tole her I'd do all I could on condition she'd come back and run her part o' the store and me, too, as she'd been a-doin' of it. She promised, and I got 'em away safe.

She's back now, runnin' both me and the store.

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Advertised Aug. 29, 1910:
Behymer, Dr. Eben H.
Behymer, Dr. Harry H.
Bratz, Ed.
Chadwick, Mrs. Minnie
Crowell, C. A.
Davidson, J. C.
Fairman, Ernest
Fesse, Arthur W.
Fowler, Rev. C. J.
Hall, C. S.
Hicks, Miss Anna
Kay, Mrs. J. B.
Kennedy, Miss Sylvia
Kohler, Henry
Lescallot, Edgar H.
McCloskey, Mrs. Arletta
Marshall, Chas.
Ministers of Camp Sycar.
N. H. (155 No. Mulberry St.)
Parsell, Mrs. J. L.
Peck, Rev. Clayton L.
Shellman, Miss Stella
Sherick, Miss Lois
Shrontz, Mrs. J. F. (2)
Stanton, Rev. C. E.
Stanton, Mrs. C. E.
Stewart, Mrs. E. A.
Taylor, Rev. Woodford
Whitney, W. C.
Wilson, Mrs. Harriet
Wilson, Mrs. S. M.
Winters, Mrs. Della
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STACK OF HAY

Destroyed By Fire Near Railroad Track At Gambler

On Monday morning, Mr. Michael Crow, residing just east of Gambler, sustained the loss of a stack of hay, which was built near the C. A. & C. railroad track. A freight engine, which was passing the field in which the hay stack stood, suddenly sent out a shower of sparks into the air and some of them fell into the dry grass at the side of the railroad. Immediately, the fire began to spread and in a short time, was eating its way into the field. The stack of hay was reached and destroyed before anything could be done to save it. The flames were checked by hard work and were prevented from spreading to the farm buildings nearby.

COURT HOUSE NOTES

First Partial—

Joseph F. Blubaugh and Joseph H. Colopy, executors of Levi F. Colopy, have filed their first partial account. It shows \$19,134.69 chargeable and \$18,040.36 credited.

Distributive Account—

Columbus Ewalt has filed his account of distribution as executor of the Sarah Ernest estate. It shows \$130 paid to R. E. Vail, \$130 to Mrs. Lavina Ewalt, \$230 to Mrs. Eva M. Eldridge and \$230 to Mrs. Jennie Payne.

Moneys Paid Over—

In the matter of the Millwood special district vs. Anna Lepley et al., the probate court has paid to defendants' attorneys, Wm. M. Koons & Sons \$550 for Anna Lepley and \$400 for J. W. Smeeth.

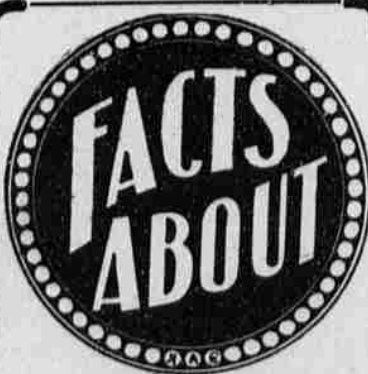
Marriage Licenses—

Lewis J. Kerr, electrician, Cleveland, and Jennie E. Miller, Greensville, The Rev. Mr. Purcell.

Jay J. Gould, stone mason, and Mayme Horn, both of Centerburg.

The Deed Record—

Charles A. McCammett to Clementine Green, lot 34, Martinsburg, \$1,810.



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